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In re patent application of  
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For: **LAFORA'S DISEASE GENE**

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

The present letter is filed in response to the office action of December 24, 2002. Applicants are simultaneously filing herewith a petition for a three month extension of time rendering the due date for reply June 24, 2003.

Please amend the application as follows.

**In the Specification:**

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, line 2:

--This application is a national phase entry application of PCT/CA99/00646 filed July 20, 1999, which claims priority from U.S. provisional application no. 60/130,269 filed April 21, 1999 (now abandoned) and U.S. provisional application no. 60/093,495 filed July 20, 1998 (now abandoned), all of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety,--

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